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the coöperation of all of us. He also asked whether we found that the U. S. D. A. cards came too slowly, and several said that they desired more speed in the distribution of the cards and also of the agricultural publications themselves.

The chairman closed by asking our opinion of the round robin and of the news page in the *Agricultural Index*. It was voted to try to contribute to the news page, but the round robin was not thought advisable. Then Miss Derby asked for miscellaneous questions. Miss Forrest presented her views on the matter of faculty rank for the college library staff. Most of us do not have the full privileges of the teaching faculty. The consensus of opinion is that the librarian should have the rank and salary of the head professor, the

heads of the departments that of the assistant professor, and the assistants that of an instructor. There is also the question of a sabbatical year and of a chance for summer study for the library staff. Such preferments must be asked for only on the basis of training and service.

In accordance with the report of the nominating committee the following were elected officers of the Section for the coming year: chairman, Mr. Malcolm G. Wyer, Librarian, University of Nebraska Library; secretary, Miss Lucy Lewis.

Miss Lewis moved that the chairman appoint a program committee if he wanted help. Motion was carried. The meeting then adjourned.

ELIZABETH FORREST,
Secretary.

CATALOG SECTION

The Catalog Section of the American Library Association met on Saturday afternoon, June 5. Miss Agnes S. Hall, head cataloger of the Denver Public Library, acted as chairman in place of Mr. Flagg, of Bangor, Maine, whose death occurred March 28 of this year. Miss Mary E. Hyde, of the New York State Library School, elected secretary, resigned, and Miss Nellie M. Robertson, of the Colorado Agricultural College Library, was appointed to fill her place.

Miss Zana K. Miller, librarian, Library Bureau, Chicago, read a paper on

TRADITION VERSUS COMMON SENSE IN THE
DAY'S WORK
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Mr. Henry C. Rehm, of the Colorado Springs High School, gave a brief talk on A LAYMAN'S VIEWS OF THE CATALOG, in which he disposed of that sacred instrument altogether, and in its place substituted labeled shelves. We catalogers hope that ninety-and-nine do not agree with him.

This talk was followed by a symposium by Miss Grace Hill, of the Kansas City Public Library, and Miss May Wood Wig-

gington, head of the Catalog Department of the Louisville Free Library on

SHORT CUTS IN CATALOGING
(See p. 162)

Miss Hill expressed the opinion that in cataloging for small libraries, one should be guided by considerations of present usefulness in making eliminations. She emphasized the point that it is not necessary to duplicate in cataloging, work that is done in indexes, instancing the *Children's catalog* and the *Reader's guide*. Miss Hill advocated treating the government publications indexed in the *Reader's guide* as periodicals, i. e., not making analytics for the catalog but using such publications through the indexes. In the catalog, she thought it inadvisable to use many cross references, especially *See also* cards. To eliminate the writing of many subject cards, the use of general references was suggested; e. g., *For arithmetic, see books on shelves 511*.

The paper of Miss Jennie Herrman, librarian, San Diego (Calif.) County Library was read by Miss Althea Warren, the subject being:

COUNTY LIBRARIES AND THEIR CATALOG
PROBLEMS
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The last number was a question box and discussion led by Miss Sula Wagner of the St. Louis Public Library. A list of questions had been sent in covering such topics as: added entries, different editions, analytics, waste in ordering L. C. cards, periodicals with changed names, call numbers, arrangement of catalog cards and problems in classification and subject headings. Miss Wagner spoke of the practice in the St. Louis Public Library. The discussion was participated in by Miss Ethel Bond, Miss Hall, Miss Wiggington, Mr. Hastings and others. On account of lack of time, the discussion could not be continued long enough to consider all of the questions submitted.

In Miss Wagner's introductory remarks, she quoted a portion of a letter from Mr. Martel. In the letter, Mr. Martel asked if it might not be feasible to invite all cat-

alogers to register with the Chairman of the Section or with A. L. A. headquarters, stating their education, training, experience, special lines (languages, subjects, etc.), salary received and compensation desired. After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the section:

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Mr. Martel's suggestion, the incoming chairman undertake to send out a questionnaire from which she can compile a list of catalogers, their experience, salary, etc., such list ultimately to be used by the A. L. A. headquarters in filling positions.

The nominating committee, consisting of Miss Wagner, Miss Merrill and Miss Bond, nominated for chairman, Miss Ellen M. Chandler, head of the Catalog Department of the Buffalo Public Library; for secretary, Miss Julia T. Lynch of the Salt Lake City Free Public Library. These officers were elected, and the meeting adjourned.

NELLIE M. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS SECTION

The Children's Librarians Section of the American Library Association met for the 22nd time on the evening of June 3, 1920, at the Antlers Hotel, Colorado Springs, Miss Elizabeth Knapp, chief of Children's Department, Public Library, Detroit, Mich., presiding, and gave its endorsement to the Children's Book Week Movement, planned by the American Booksellers' Association, and to the plan of the Book Committee of the Art War Relief Committee for sending children's books to the devastated countries of Europe.

The main feature of the evening was the discussion of questions suggested in replies to a questionnaire sent out by the chairman to 50 libraries. The question of reviewing children's books received the most attention and was very ably discussed by Miss May Massee, editor of the *A. L. A. Booklist*, who explained why the *Booklist* is only as good, or as poor, as those who check its tentative lists make it and asked

for more help from children's librarians in checking and annotating. A committee consisting of Miss Della MacGregor, St. Paul Public Library, and Miss Janet Jerome, Denver Public Library, was appointed to work with Miss Massee on a plan to get more reviews of new books from children's librarians of the country.

The value of subscription sets was discussed, as well as many other interesting topics relating to library work with children, such as changing methods in pedagogy, the loss and damaging of books and the question of how to recruit new workers for library work with children in face of the present conditions which offer more money for work requiring less preparation and less personal fitness, and the loss of readers after leaving school.

A nominating committee was appointed consisting of Mabel C. True, Supervisor of children's work, Kansas City; Gertrude E. Avey, Chief of children's work, Cincin-